

**PETITION -- HOUSE****CHIEF SPONSOR:****Representative <<Candaras> of <<Wilbraham>>**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in General Court assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

<b>PETITIONERS: LEGISLATOR/CITIZEN</b>	<b>DISTRICT/FULL MAILING ADDRESS</b>
Gale D. Candaras	12 <sup>TH</sup> Hampden
Patricia A. Walrath	3 <sup>rd</sup> Middlesex
David Paul Linsky	5 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Christopher G. Fallon	33 <sup>rd</sup> Middlesex
Peter J. Koutoujian	10 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18 <sup>th</sup> Worcester
William M. Straus	10 <sup>th</sup> Bristol
J. James Marzilli, Jr.	23rd Middlesex
Jay R. Kaufman	15 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Frank M. Hynes	4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth
Stephen Kulik	1 <sup>st</sup> Franklin
Peter V. Kocot	1 <sup>st</sup> Hampshire
J. Michale Ruane	19 Nursery Street, Salem 01970
Frank I. Smizik	15 <sup>th</sup> Norfolk
Pamela P. Resor	Middlesex and Worcester
Robert A. Havern	4 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	27 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Thomas P. Kennedy	9 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth
Christine E. Canavan	10 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth
Ellen Story	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hampshire
Thomas M. Stanley	9 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
James E. -Vallee	10 <sup>th</sup> Norfolk
Scott P. Brown <del>James -Vallee</del>	Norfolk Bristol Middlesex <del>10<sup>th</sup> -Norfolk</del>
John W. Scibak <del>Scott P. -Brown</del>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hampshire <del>Norfolk -Bristol Middlesex</del>
Douglas W. Petersen	8 <sup>th</sup> Essex
Shirley Gomes	4 <sup>th</sup> Barnstable
Kay Khan	11 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden

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Anne M. Paulsen	24 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Mary E. Grant <del>Anne M. Paulsen</del>	6 <sup>th</sup> Essex <del>24<sup>th</sup> Middlesex</del>
James B. Eldridge <del>Mary E. Grant</del>	37 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex <del>6<sup>th</sup> Essex</del>
. Mark J. Carron	6 <sup>th</sup> Worcester
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14 <sup>th</sup> Norfolk
Shirley Owens-Hicks	6 <sup>th</sup> Suffolk
Todd M. Smola <del>Shirley Owens-Hicks</del>	1 <sup>st</sup> Hampden <del>6<sup>th</sup> Suffolk</del>
Martha M. Walz	8 <sup>th</sup> Suffolk
Susan C. Tucker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Essex and Middlesex
Thomas M. McGee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Essex and Middlesex
Cheryl A. Rivera	10 <sup>th</sup> Hampden
Geoffrey D. Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> Middlesex
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12 <sup>th</sup> Essex
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

## **AN ACT TO PROMOTE HIGHER EDUCATION AMONG EMPLOYEES OF HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section 19F:-

Section 19 F. The board of higher education, in exercising its powers under section four of chapter fifteen A. shall by no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act establish a program of tuition remission pursuant to which persons employed by providers of social services programs that hold contracts with the commonwealth, and spouses of those persons, are provided tuition remission benefits for courses or programs taken at any public community college or state college or the University of Massachusetts. Tuition remission benefits provided to such persons and their spouses shall be on parity, as nearly as possible, with tuition remission benefits provided to employees of the commonwealth and their spouses. For purposes of this act the term "social services programs" shall have the meaning specified in section two hundred seventy-four of chapter one hundred ten of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-three as amended. In developing such programs of tuition remission benefits, the board of higher education and the administrator of the current tuition remission program operated by the Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers, Inc. shall consult with the secretary of health and human services, and elder affairs.